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appropriate government bodies and interest groups in the area covered. Strategies submitted by Districts require a 30 day opportunity for review and comment by the Governor or Governors, or designee(s), of the State or States in which they are located, prior to EDA approval.

(f) If EDA identifies any deficiencies, it will notify the organization in writing and provide the organization a reasonable opportunity to remedy such deficiencies.

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#### § 303.3 Requirements for a strategy.

A strategy must be the result of a continuing economic development planning process, developed with broad-based and diverse community participation, and contain the following:

(a) An analysis of economic and community development problems and opportunities including incorporation of any relevant material or suggestions from other government sponsored or supported plans;

(b) Background and history of the economic development situation of the area covered, with a discussion of the economy, including as appropriate, geography, population, labor force, resources, infrastructure, transportation systems, and the environment;

(c) A discussion of community participation in the planning efforts;

(d) A section setting forth goals and objectives for taking advantage of the opportunities of and solving the economic development problems of the area serviced;

(e) A plan of action, including suggested projects to implement objectives and goals set forth in the strategy; and

(f) Performance measures that will be used to evaluate whether and to what extent goals and objectives have been or are being met.

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## PART 304—GENERAL SELECTION PROCESS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

Sec.

304.1 Project proposal, application, selection and evaluation for programs under PWEDA.

304.2 How EDA evaluates proposals and applications for projects funded under PWEDA.

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#### § 304.1 Project proposal, application, selection and evaluation for programs under PWEDA.

(a) *Local projects.* If you are or represent a party eligible to be an applicant, and are interested in a public works, economic adjustment, planning, local technical assistance or university center project grant, you should contact the appropriate Economic Development Representative (EDR) (or EDA Regional or headquarters office), identified in the NOFA. The EDR or other EDA official is available to provide program information, including the current published NOFA; provide a proposal form approved by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and provide assistance as needed in filling out the proposal form.

(1) After submission of the proposal to the appropriate EDR or Regional Office of EDA, the appropriate Regional Office Project Review Committee (PRC), consisting of at least three EDA officials, will review the proposal. The EDR or other appropriate EDA official will evaluate the proposal under § 304.2, program specific sections of this rule, and the NOFA, if applicable, before submitting it to the EDA Regional Office for its review.

(2) After review by the PRC, EDA will send a letter in a timely manner to each submitter advising either that:

(i) EDA invites the submitter to prepare and present a formal application on a standard application form, with attachments for the type of grant being requested; or